



From the Desk of Howard
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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Construction Edition

Welcome!

It's my pleasure to share with you a list of construction projects currently underway in District two and any anticipated completion dates. These projects may cause delays so I encourage everyone to stay informed, plan ahead and use caution when driving.

Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors. If you have any additional projects within District Two that you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov.



Shipley's Grant Traffic Signal

In an effort to improve the safety of residents travelling along Rt 108 near the Shipley's Grant community, construction of a new traffic signal is underway which includes improvements to the Snowden River Parkway/Rt 108 intersection. The road will be widened and new road markings will be painted within a week, weather permitting.

The traffic signal should be operational within two weeks, weather permitting. Once the work is complete, State Highway Administration will begin the 3-day signal flashing in preparation for full operation.



Wegman's Grand Opening

I'm proud to announce the addition of Wegman's Grocery Store to District Two residents and Howard Countians. Excitement is mounting for the **June 17, 2012** opening which will bring more than 70,000 products and create approximately 700 new jobs.

I hope you will join me in welcoming them to our community and visit their location off Snowden River Parkway.



Rt 29 Widening Project

The Rt 29 NB widening project research is currently underway which should conclude by mid 2013. SHA has divided this project into two phases: Phase I will include the section of Rt 29 N of Rt 32 ending at Rt 175 with access to Gales Ln and Old Columbia Rd closed. Phase II will extend from the Middle Patuxent River to just north of Rt 32 encompassing the River's Edge intersection.

It's important to note that this project has NOT received funding for construction. Therefore, there is no estimated time to begin or complete construction. I'll keep you informed as additional information becomes available.



Phelps Luck ES Renovation Project

A green school construction project is currently underway at Phelps Luck Elementary School to install geothermal wells which in turn will reduce the schools operating costs. Based upon my offices and community recommendations, some proactive changes were made to the locations of the geothermal wells adjacent to the community.

The drilling contractor will be working 7 days a week to get back on schedule after a delay in permitting. The school system and contractor remain committed to mitigating the impact on the neighboring communities; so if there are any concerns, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov and I will collaborate on your behalf to best address any issues that may arise.



Route 1 Fire Station

A Fire Station is scheduled to be built on the Route 1 Corridor, north of Route 175 near Montevideo Rd. Due to construction occurring at the Elkridge Fire Station, the schedule has been altered and there are no updates on when construction will begin; however, it's likely to start in 2013, dependent upon budget constraints.



Listed below you will find updates on construction occurring along the Route 1 corridor.

Howard Square

Howard Square is residential construction project located on Route 1 just north of Route 175. Only one plan has been submitted and approved which includes 156 townhomes. At this time there are no plans for commercial use. Based upon market demand, there is no estimated time of completion.

Blue Stream

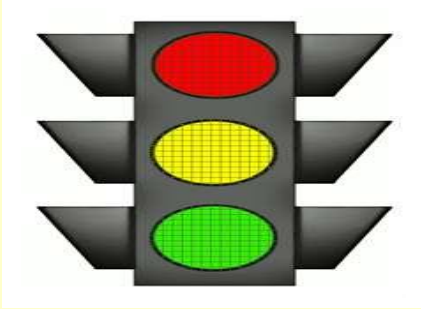
This residential project is located on Route 1 north of Montevideo Road and is slated to include 226 rental apartment units, 28 rental townhouse units, and 125 townhouse units. At this time, only plans for the apartments have been submitted, but not approved. The basic road system has been constructed but based upon plan approval and market demand, there is no estimate on when the project will begin or be complete.

Lorien Nursing Home

This project is a development plan for a 45,000 square foot nursing home and assisted living facility. The plans have been approved and construction is ongoing. At this time, there is no projected opening date.

Montevideo Crossing

This is a mixed-use project located on Route 1 at Montevideo Road. It consists of 2 two story commercial building with 26,000 total square feet of commercial space. Initial plans were approved, but there has been no movement on this project. At this time, there's no anticipation when this project will begin or finish.



Montevideo Rd Realignment & Traffic Signal

This is a project to realign the existing Montevideo Road with Port Capital Drive. Through the years, residents in the area have expressed concerns of the Port Capital intersection. With the realignment, the traffic signal located at the existing Montevideo Rd will be relocated to the new Port Capital/Montevideo Road intersection with Route 1. This will help alleviate the concerns and is anticipated to reduce the number of accidents which have occurred at this intersection.

Montevideo Road realignment plans are currently going through the land acquisition process. Please contact the Dept. of Public Works for more information. Please note that the installation of a traffic signal is dependent upon the road realignment.

Route 1 and Route 175

This is a State Highway Project to widen Route 1 near the intersection of Route 175 and make other improvements as needed. Currently, SHA is in the land acquisition phase of this project and there are no expectations on when this project will begin.

Thank You For Following Along!

I hope you have found this information useful. If there are any projects you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov.

All the best,

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"Build more bridges and fewer walls."